President: The member is asking the question whether Government have even conceived the idea. It is unthinkable.

Registry of puduval land in survey No. 5473, Neendakara A Division pakuthi.

251. ***Mr. E. P. Varghese**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applicants for the registry of puduval land in Survey No. 5473, Neendakara A Division pakuthi in Agastisvaram taluk;

(*b*) the earliest date of the application;

(*c*) the number of applicants who possessed no other land; and

(*d*) the date of the application of the person to whom it has been assigned on *kuthakapattom* and whether he possesses other lands?

Mr. K. George: (*a*) 53 applications were forwarded to the Tahsildar, Agastisvaram taluk by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies with a covering list for action being taken for the assignment of the land in the names of the applicants. No individual application was received in the Taluk Office direct.

(*b*) The available records in the Taluk Office show that these applications were received about the close of 1106.

(*c*) As the Protector of the Depressed Classes recommended only 39 out of these applications for registry, it is presumed that the 39 applicants are landless.

(*d*) Mr. R. S. Pillai presented an application to Government on 21-6-1107 for the lease of the land which was sanctioned by Government. He possesses no other land in that taluk.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: With regard to the answer to part (*a*), may I know whether the gentleman mentioned therein is a tax-payer?

Mr. K. George: I cannot say whether he pays any tax in his own name or in the name of another. That information is not available.

Rule re assignment of puduval lands.

252. ***Mr. E. P. Varghese**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any rule or practice of assigning puduval lands to the landless in preference to others?

Mr. K. George: No.

Assignment of land to landless people.

253. ***Mr. E. P. Varghese**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applications for land by the landless people received by the Protector of the Depressed Classes during the years 1109, 1110 and 1111 up to the 1st Meenam;

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[Mr. E. P. Varghese.]

(*b*) the number of applications disposed of by the Protector of the Depressed Classes during the same period ;

(*c*) the number of persons to whom lands have been assigned during the same period ; and

(*d*) the area of land thus assigned during the period ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) The number of applications for lands received during the year 1108, 1110 and 1111 up to the 1st Meenam are 190, 259 and 100 respectively.

(*b*) The numbers disposed of are 54, 214 and 54 respectively.

(*c*) Information is not available.

(*d*) 139 acres and $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents in 1109 and 80 acres and $21\frac{1}{4}$ cents in 1110.

Information regarding the lands assigned till 1st Meenam 1111 is not available.

Buses and eight-seaters plying for hire.

254. ✻**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the buses and eight-seaters plying for hire in the State are being tested by any Government authority ;

(*b*) if so, by whom, and at what intervals ; and

(*c*) whether buses and eight-seaters which are more than 12 years old are permitted to ply for hire in the State ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) By the Traffic Inspector of Police once in six months.

(*c*) Yes, if found fit.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : With regard to the answer to part (*b*), may I know from the member whether the Traffic Inspectors have got expert qualification in Mechanical Engineering ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : I think they have got sufficient qualification to test buses.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know from the member what that sufficient qualification is ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : They are people who have had training in motor mechanics.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether they have got any diploma in mechanical engineering or any other branch of science just to enable them to test the buses ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : They have enough qualification to test buses. I cannot say whether they possess any diploma or not.

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